

## Avenues Level A Alphachant Phonics Kit

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### Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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### Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations:

### Summary Form

I.	Technology Component Summary	1.00
	Kidspiration aids in the learning of English by using appropriate pictures, words, and voice. Websites are included within the teacher's edition alongside the strategy or idea. ESL/ELL students will find this helpful with learning English.	
	The materials only include the sound and selection CD and Kidspiration.	
II.	Reading Content Summary	1.66
	A variety of genres included along with an explanation of what the genre means. There are also personal narrative selections along with articles from science and social studies integrating the language across the curriculum.	
	Students have limited experiences with irony, humor, and organization features.	
III.	Writing Content Summary	0.92
	Students are given daily journal prompts to assist them in their writing and language skills. As students progress through the series and their English language skills become more proficient they are given opportunities to write.	
	The writing process model does not seem to be in the materials.	
IV.	Grammar and Spelling Content Summary	0.38
	Differentiated instruction is divided into three areas: beginning, intermediate, and advanced language learners.	
	Spelling skills are not included in the materials.	
V.	Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary	0.50
	The audio CD includes songs, poems, and selections to reinforce and hone the ESL skills.	
VI.	Inquiry Content Summary	0.25
	Students are given the opportunity to explore various websites to reinforce the language skills learned.	
VII.	Technology Content Summary	
	Websites are included within the teacher's edition alongside the strategy or idea. ESL/ELL students will find this helpful with learning English. The sites have multiple pictures the teacher can access to show the ESL student what the words mean.	
VIII.	Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary	1.17
	Professional readings and resources may be accessed at <a href="http://www.inspiration.com">www.inspiration.com</a> and access Teacher menu.	
	Instructions for using Kidspiration are included in the teacher's materials.	
	These materials are geared more for schools with a large ESL student population.	
IX.	Audience : Student Materials Content Summary	0.67
	Student text contains questions scattered throughout the selections to direct student's focus on the knowledge they are acquiring.	
	Students are given limited writing opportunities.	
X.	Format Content Summary	1.43
	Student pages identify unknown words and phrases by highlighting and then defining them at the bottom of the page. The selection feature a wide variety of diversity. Students are also given opportunities to share cultural perspectives.	
XI.	Ancillary Materials Content Summary	1.00
	This series is primarily formulated for students with limited English proficiency and offers strategies for addressing their needs. Learning centers are featured for each selection and address multiple learning styles and levels.	
	Teacher resources are limited to the <a href="http://www.inspiration.com">www.inspiration.com</a>	

## READING CONTENT

A variety of genres and the text are geared specifically to ESL/ELL students. Phrases or unknown words are highlighted and have the definition included on the page.

Students are given appropriate instruction and time to absorb the skills being taught.

words are highlighted and defined on the student page for easier access and understanding. Students see the new words on the beginning page of the story and questions are given along with answers such as: setting, characters, and genres.

The teacher's edition has strategies on relating the selection to the student's native culture. Discussion is also centered around what or how the culture observes a holiday, special occasion, food or animal names, etc or cultural perspective.

Students are introduced to various tasks and features as they progress.

The Alphachant CD introduces letters and letter sounds through poems and music and reinforces phonics skills.

Centers feature phonics picture cards to also reinforce skills.

Picture cards model context/picture strategy for words. Chants, poems, and music continually reinforces the skills learned and introduces new skills in a fun and easy to learn format.

New words are featured on the beginning page of the selection. Students also are exposed to the definition of phrases and new words.

Students are asked questions by the teacher and questions appear on the student pages to focus the students reading and understanding.

Students skills are focused on phonics and the understanding of the English language. Fluency is indicated but not emphasized.

An assessment handbook will help to assess students' progress as they acquire the English language. Differentiated instruction plans are included for beginning, intermediate, and advanced English learners.

The assessment handbook sampler indicates that assessment includes pre and post language and literacy tests; multi-level unit progress tests; student self and peer assessments; language assessments; good writing traits rubric; unit writing tests.

The text offers big book selections for read aloud along with the selection in the student book along with take home books.

A variety of genres is included along with an explanation of what the genre means. There are also personal narrative selections along with articles from science and social studies integrating the language across the curriculum.

After each selection there is an author's page that tells where the author lives and her/his ethnicity.

These materials were reviewed as a K-3 set.

The Home Newsletter is written in various languages.

## **WRITING CONTENT**

As students progress through the series and their English language skills become more proficient, they are given opportunities to write. However, the writing process model does not seem to be in the materials.

Students develop their writing skills as their ESL skills become more proficient. Drawings and sentences about the drawings are used in the emergent ESL levels.

Students begin early in learning how to write sentences in a daily writing journal that may include drawings and/or sentences.

Grammar is introduced as students' proficiency with the language progresses.

Correctness skills are perfected as the students progress in their language development.

The introduction to the writing process is limited as student's language progresses.

Selections and grammar are modeled in the upper levels since proficiency in the language has progressed.

Students are given daily journal prompts to assist them in their writing and language skills.

Students are encouraged to investigate internet sites provided for various tasks.

Technology encourages self expression and research to assist the student's language development.

## **GRAMMAR AND SPELLING**

Grammar rules and usage are introduced as student's language skills progress.

Students are given limited opportunities to demonstrate their skills.

The writing process model did not seem to be included within the materials.

The models were not apparent.

Spelling is not addressed within the materials.

Differentiated instruction is divided into three areas: beginning, intermediate, and advanced language learners.

A picture dictionary is included at the back of the student book.

These materials were reviewed as a K-3 set.

## **LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING**

ESL/ELL students listen to a CD to help reinforce language skills.  
Students are given websites via teacher instruction to investigate various language building tasks.  
These materials were reviewed as a K-3 set.

## **INQUIRY**

Students are given the opportunity to explore various websites to reinforce the language skills learned.  
These materials were reviewed as a K-3 set.

## **TECHNOLOGY CONTENT**

Websites are included within the teacher's edition alongside the strategy or idea. ESL/ELL students will find this helpful with learning English. The sites have multiple pictures the teacher can access to show the ESL student what the words mean.  
Using the internet sites and Kidspiration will help to bridge the language gap. Students will also be able to express themselves by using pictures instead of just words.  
The song and selection CD assists the student with English by introducing concepts and words with music.

## **AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS**

The teacher's materials include strategies for addressing ELL students and learning styles.  
ESL students are assessed as they progress through language development.  
Differentiated instruction is included within the materials.  
Big books and text selections are appropriate for reading aloud and guided reading. There is opportunity to take books home in the lower levels.  
Student materials feature integrated content areas. Cultural perspective is featured in the teacher's edition.  
Professional readings and resources may be accessed at [www.inspiration.com](http://www.inspiration.com) and access Teacher menu.  
Instructions for using Kidspiration are included in the teacher's materials.  
These materials are for students acquiring English as a second language.  
Questions and learning centers are included in the teacher's materials that enhance critical thinking skills.  
The materials include specific Strategies for teaching ESL students.  
Resources are available at [www.inspiration.com](http://www.inspiration.com).

Student pages are in snapshot form on the coordinated pages of the teacher's materials. Materials are listed on the beginning page of the unit selection.  
The materials were reviewed as a K-3 set.

## **AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS**

Student text contains questions scattered throughout the selections to direct students' focus on the knowledge they are acquiring.  
Various genres are addressed but are limited.  
Students are given opportunities to read articles and selections in other content areas.  
Selections include a variety of culturally diverse writers. Students have the opportunities to relate to their own cultural perspective.  
Reading and writing progresses as student's language development progresses.  
These materials were reviewed as a K-3 set.

## **FORMAT**

There is a scope and sequence included in each teacher's edition for all levels which shows the spiraling of content.  
Student pages identify unknown words and phrases by highlighting and then defining them at the bottom of the page.  
There are visual illustrations that show science experiments and other content related examples.  
The selection feature a wide variety of diversity. Students are also given opportunities to share cultural perspectives during the different selections.  
The materials are hardcover appear to be durable and should not deteriorate with daily use.  
A picture dictionary is located in the back of the student text.

## **ANCILLARY MATERIALS**

The teacher's materials feature snapshots of student pages and technology use at the point of need.

Learning centers are featured for each selection and address multiple learning styles and levels.

This series is primarily formulated for students with limited English proficiency and offers strategies for addressing their needs.

Teacher resources and instructional plans are included at the beginning of the unit along with pacing which includes approximate days and time required to complete.

The main focus of this series is to assist ESL students to become proficient in English and to use themes help to accomplish it.

Teacher resources are limited to the [www.inspiration.com](http://www.inspiration.com)

These materials were reviewed as a K-3 set.